GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003
LICENCE TO POWER LINKS TRANSMISSION LIMITED
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Links Transmission Limited, a joint venture company of the Power Grid Corporation and Tata Power has been granted the first license in the private sector for transmission by the Central Power Regulatory Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above project is likely to be completed and the States, which are likely to be benefited there from;

(e) whether the Government has finalized giving more licenses to the private players in the transmission sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.158 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003 REGARDING LICENCE TO POWER LINKS TRANSMISSION LIMITED.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Power Links Transmission Ltd., a joint venture company of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) and Tata Power Ltd., has been granted licence by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission on 13.11.2003 under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to construct, maintain and operate the following transmission lines for evacuation of power to be generated from Tata Hydro-electric Power Project in Bhutan:

(i) Siliguri-Purnea 400 kV D/C (Quad. Conductor) Transmission Line -162 KM.

(ii) Purnea-Muzzaffarpur (New) 400 kV D/C (Quad. Conductor) Transmission Line 242 KM

(iii) Muzzaffarpur (New) - Gorakhpur 400 kVD/C (Quad. Conductor) - 233 KM

(iv) Gorakhpur-Lucknow 400 kV D/C (Twin Conductor) Transmission Line 277 KM

(v) Bareily-Mandola 400 kV D/C (Twin conductor) Transmission Line -237 KM

(vi) Muzzaffarpur (New)-Muzzaffarpur (BSEB) 220 kV (Twin Conductor) Transmission Line - 20 KM

The transmission system will also be utilized for transfer of surplus power from Eastern Region to Northern Region.

(c) Tata Power Ltd., and POWERGRID will hold 51% and 49% of the equity share capital respectively of the Company.

(d) The project is scheduled to be completed by June 2006. The transmission system will enable delivery of 1020 MW power to be evacuated from Tata HEP, Bhutan to Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Sikkim and Damodar Valley Corporation in the Eastern Region in accordance with their allocated share. The transmission system will also be utilized to transfer surplus power from Eastern Region to the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Haryana and National Capital Territory of Delhi in Northern Region.

(e) & (f) The competent authority to grant transmission licence is the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission or State Electricity Regulatory Commission, as the case may be.